TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE

BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON.

GENTLEMEN,

In offering myself as a Candidate for the honour of representing you in Parliament, I feel that my claim to your suffrages must rest upon my past history as a public man.

I venture to hope that my name is not unknown to many amongst you. For eight and twenty years I have enjoyed the honour of a seat in the Legislature of Canada, a body second only in dignity and importance to that of the mother country. Of that Assembly I have been three times chosen Speaker, and I have since occupied a position of the highest trust under the Crown.

As a guarantee for the consistency of my political character, I must refer you to my past conduct—many of the most important measures now in force in Canada were carried during my administration, amongst the number a Bill for the organization of the Militia, a body now equal to any militia force in her Majesty's dominions.

I may therefore assert with confidence, that I am not without long parliamentary experience, and if you do me the honour to elect me as your Representative, it shall be cheerfully and conscientiously devoted to the service of your Borough.

I have ever been an ardent supporter of, and, when necessary, have taken up arms to defend, the glorious free institutions of Great Britain; yet I have not only advocated, but in Parliament have frequently been the originator of those wholesome changes which from time to time become necessary in consequence of the increase in number, wealth, intelligence and education of the people.

On the subject of Reform I may express regret at the occasion which has rendered this Election necessary, and my opinion that a moderate and useful measure might have been obtained had the Reform Bill of the present Government been permitted to have gone into Committee, where all its provisions could have been fully considered and amended.

In conclusion, I have only to say that if I am elected your Representative, being free from obligation or engagements to any party, no exertion on my part shall be wanting to prove myself worthy of the important trust committed to my charge.

I shall take an early opportunity of personally soliciting your support, and explaining more fully my political views.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

ALLAN NAPIER MACNAB.

Pont Street, Belgrave Square, London.

22nd April, 1859.